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ATTN: Mr. Danny L. McDonald
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Please be advised that I am forwarding this formal written response on the above-referenced subject pursuant to your request dated 24 July 1995.

At no time before, during or after the *Hardy For Congress* campaign did I, nor to the best of my knowledge, any members of my staff have direct communications with either Dr. Frank Simon or the *Freedom's Heritage Forum*. Whereas I was aware of the existence of such an organization, as I was of hundreds of similar interest groups, a request for endorsement, or any solicitation with respect to contributions in any form was never initiated by myself or any member of my staff.

With regards to your reference of "several articles" in some news publication, I find it interesting that you apparently place a great deal of stock in the fact that the "*articles suggest*" one thing or another. The truth of the matter is that neither Dr. Simon or the *Freedom's Heritage Forum* recruited me to run against Susan Stokes. The fact that I have always taken a strong front line stand on issues such as Pro-Life may lead one to presume that *any* Pro-Life organization or individuals might want to support my candidacy.

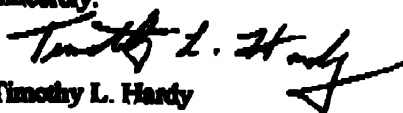
During numerous staff meetings I emphasized time and time again that we were only interested in receiving PAC funds from major, Nationally recognized organizations such as the National Rifle Association, The National Right To Life, etc. At no time during the campaign did Dr. Simon or a representative of the *Freedom's Heritage Forum* ever call or step foot in my office.

Unfortunately, as is often the case when there is a *sore loser*, it would seem that the only recourse the candidate or his/her representative may have is to make futile attempts to place blame on those of us who in their opinion, *caused* their political demise. Frankly Mr. McDonald, I would say that a candidate loses an election because he or she may be out of focus with regards to issues of importance to their constituency. The blame rests on their shoulders, not on those of us who chose to give of our time, and resources to challenge their platform. This is *still* the United States of America, and all persons shall have the right to voice their opinions and views to the extent that no false or misleading claims have been made.

I hope this information will be of use to you as you complete your fact-finding mission. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Hardy



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